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IN THE CLAWS OF
THE COURT OF OWLS!



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THE FLASH #1

WALLY WEST RACES TOWARDS NEW WORLDS,
MYSTERIOUS ALLIES, AND MIND-SHATTERING THREATS!

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FORGING
THE FUTURE
ONE HERO
AT A TIME

Gotham.
Yesterday.

H I've been trying to work out what moments define us. When are we **most** ourselves?

Is it when everyone has turned away? When we think we're alone?

AVA DIAZ.

When we're offered something we want?

FARLANE.

Forty years ago.

I worry that it's when we're at our **weakest**. When all the bravado is beaten out.

All that's left, in those moments? That **small, grasping, terrified child**? That's who we **really** are.

I hope not. I really do.

But I've seen too much to discount it.

POWER.

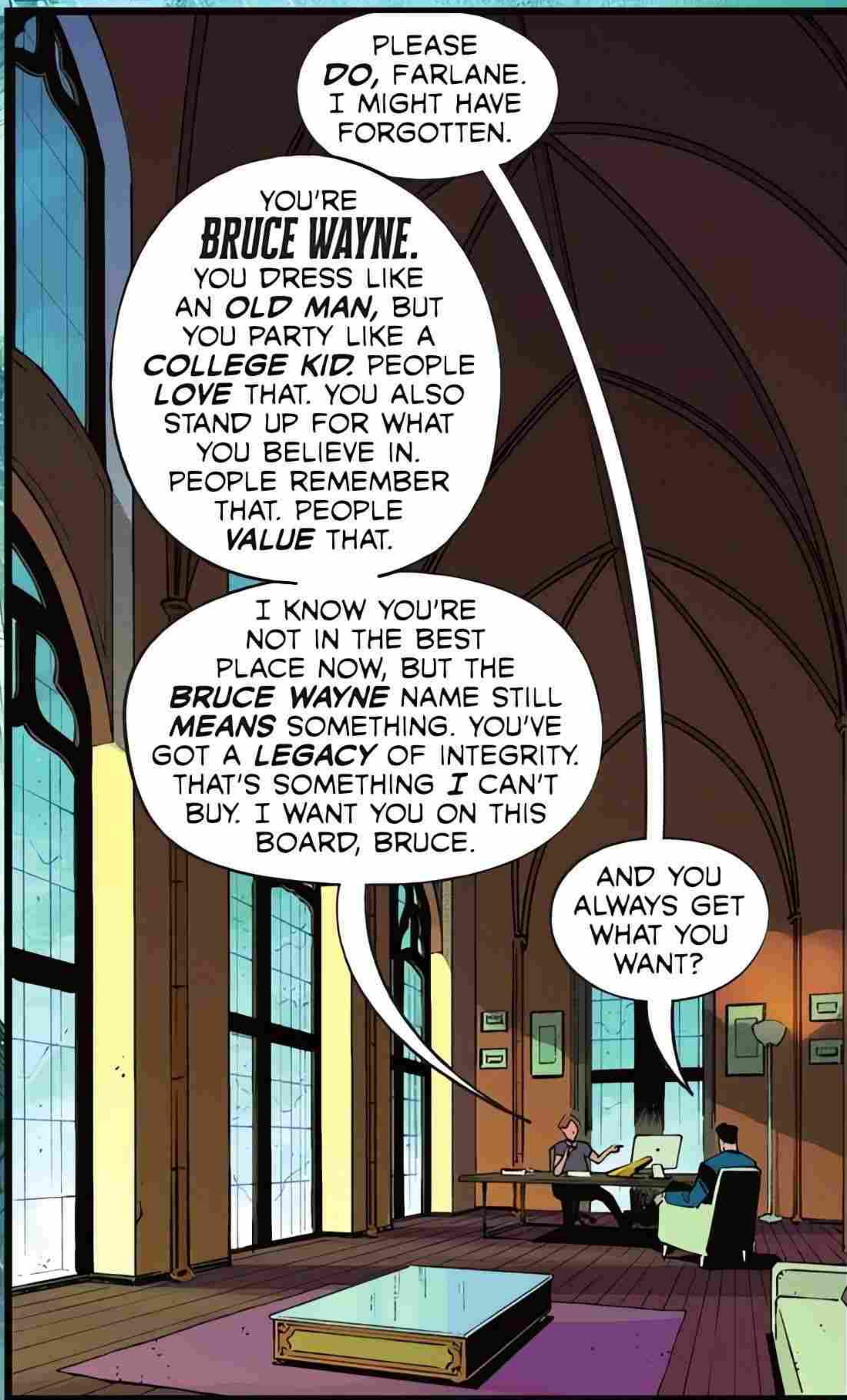
DONE.



This afternoon.

I've seen the castle walls people build to hide behind.

LET ME TELL YOU WHO YOU ARE.



PLEASE DO, FARLANE. I MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN.

YOU'RE **BRUCE WAYNE**. YOU DRESS LIKE AN **OLD MAN**, BUT YOU PARTY LIKE A **COLLEGE KID**. PEOPLE LOVE THAT. YOU ALSO STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN. PEOPLE REMEMBER THAT. PEOPLE **VALUE** THAT.

I KNOW YOU'RE NOT IN THE BEST PLACE NOW, BUT THE **BRUCE WAYNE** NAME STILL MEANS SOMETHING. YOU'VE GOT A **LEGACY** OF INTEGRITY. THAT'S SOMETHING I CAN'T BUY. I WANT YOU ON THIS BOARD, BRUCE.

AND YOU ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT?



USUALLY.

Farlane Candor, CEO

IF I'M JOINING THE BOARD, I WANT THE HIGHEST-PAID EMPLOYEE'S ANNUAL SALARY TO BE NO MORE THAN FOUR TIMES WHAT YOUR LOWEST-PAID EMPLOYEE MAKES IN A YEAR.

I CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN.

MR. CANDOR? YOU NEED TO SEE THIS.



OF COURSE, AVA.

BRUCE, YOU KNOW **AVA DIAZ**, RIGHT? MY VP OF FINANCE. THIS WILL JUST BE MOMENT.

TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED.



I've seen what they do when they believe no one's looking.





Maybe there is no true self.

The lives we've made, the people we've become through the effort of years-- that's who we are.

I'M NOT GOING FAR-- JUST TAKING A BREAK NOW THAT THE DINNER RUSH IS OVER.

YOU'RE THE BOSS, ALYSIA!

The tree is not the seed, but that doesn't make it less true.

You're damn right I am.



HEY, "BOSS."

WE'RE THE **CROC BLOC**. WE'RE GONNA TAKE ALL THE MONEY YOU GOT ON YOU--

--AND THEN WE'RE GONNA TAKE YOUR REGISTER.

I wouldn't have even been thinking about this if Abilene hadn't texted me about last night.



THE HELL YOU WILL.

WHO'S GONNA STOP US? YOU? YOU THINK **THE BAT** IS GONNA SAVE YOU? BATMAN DON'T COME OUT HERE.



"At least I now know the real you," it said.

How am I supposed to respond to that?

Who... WHAT ARE YOU?



I'M
BATMAN.

**This is
BAT
COUNTRY!**

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WAIT. IF YOU'RE BATMAN, WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME? I'M NOT ROBIN.

NIGHTWING?

NIGHTWING IS A ROBIN.

GUH

BOOF

Ugh



BATGIRL, THEN.

STOP NAMING ROBINS!

HEY! BATGIRL IS NOT A ROBIN! SHE DOES HER OWN THING, HAS HER OWN BATGIRL-CAVE, THE WHOLE BIT!



WHAT ARE YOU? BATGIRL'S BEST FRIEND OR SOMETHING?

Don't drop me please--

I DON'T WANT... it's not, like, an official title or anything...

KRNCH



YOU ARE! THAT'S REALLY COOL!

Congrats.



THANKS FOR YOUR HELP WITH THESE... KILLER CROC FANBOYS, I GUESS?

NO PROBLEM. WE WERE FLYING BY.

IF YOU TWO EVER WANT A MEAL, I'M THE HEAD CHEF HERE. WHATEVER YOU WANT, I'LL MAKE IT. ON THE HOUSE.

WHAT, LIKE I'M GOING TO SIT DOWN IN MY COSTU--?

WE'D LOVE TO COME BY, THANK YOU.



...I'm just saying, your helmet has a mouth-hole. You can eat at *any* time.

I'm not talking about this. Not *here*.

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING CREDIBLE ABOUT VULPECULA, HAWKGIRL.

INFORMATION FROM QUESTIONABLE SOURCES SUGGESTS THAT SHE'S EITHER FROM A **LEGACY** OF LOW-LEVEL **CON WOMEN** WITH A STRONG FACIAL RESEMBLANCE, OR SHE'S **HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD**.

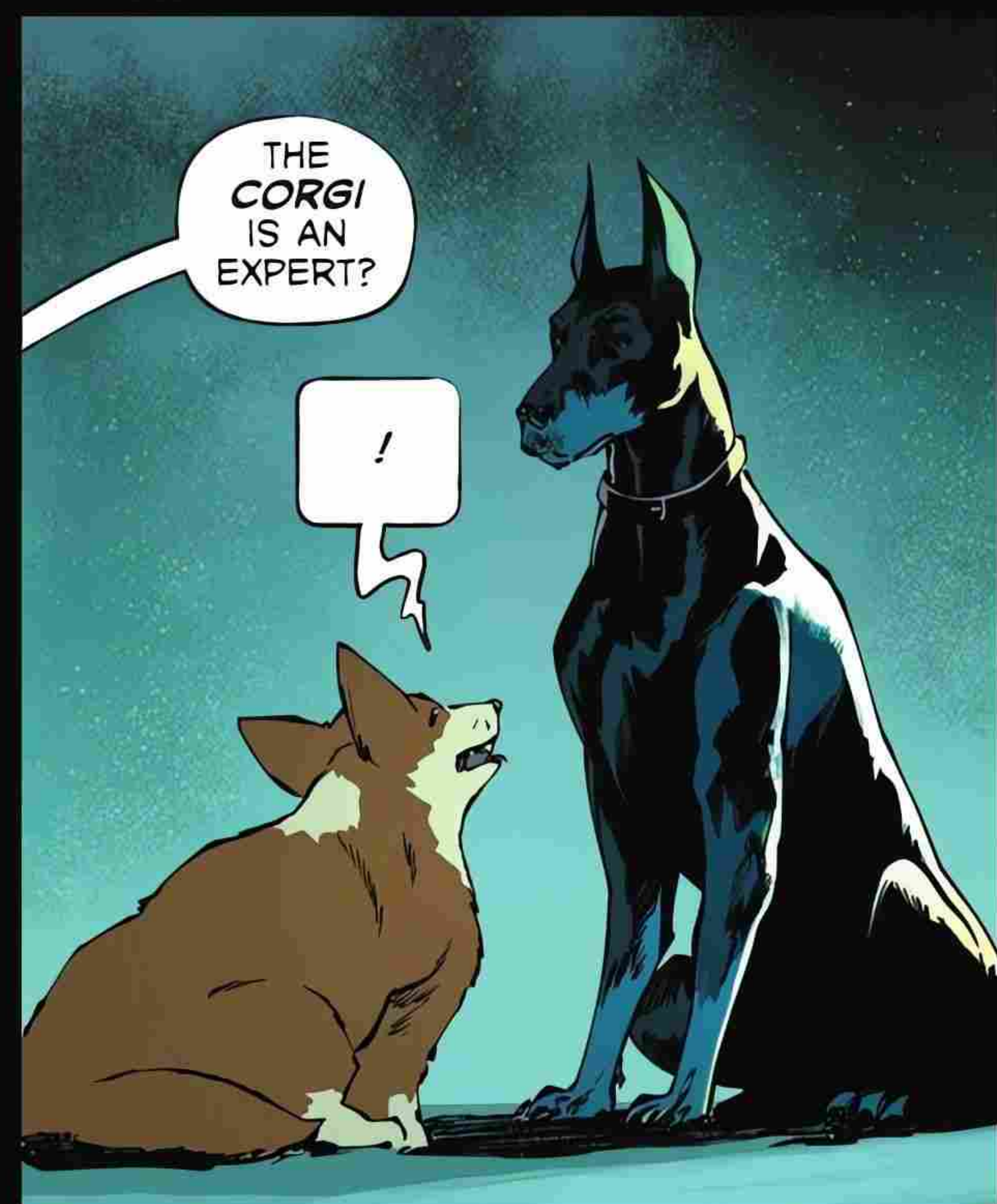


YOU BROUGHT **FRIENDS**.

YOU REALLY **ARE** THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE.

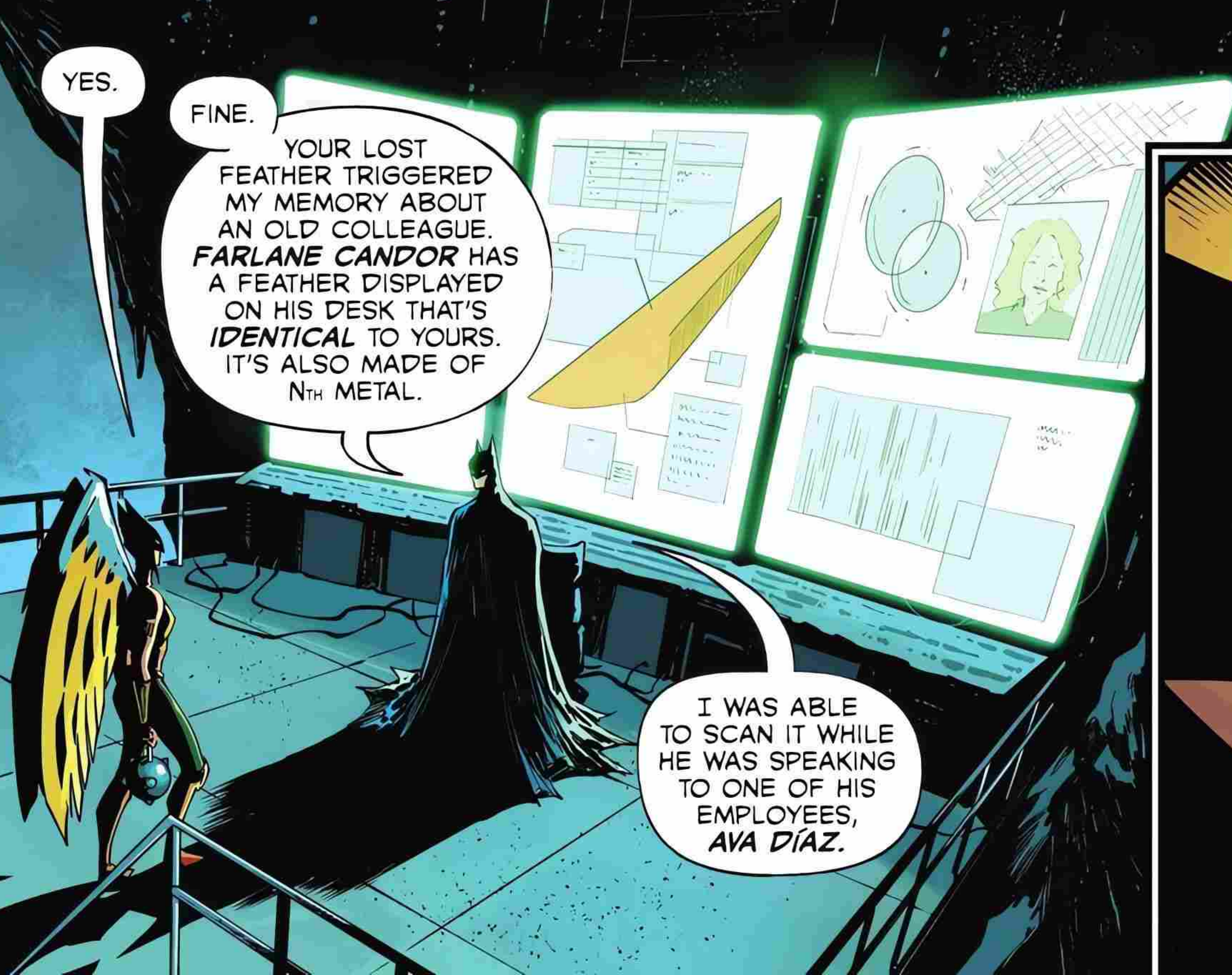
GALAXY AND ARGUS HAVE EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO THE CASE.

THAT'S **RIGHT!** WE'RE **EXPERTS**.



THE **CORGI** IS AN EXPERT?

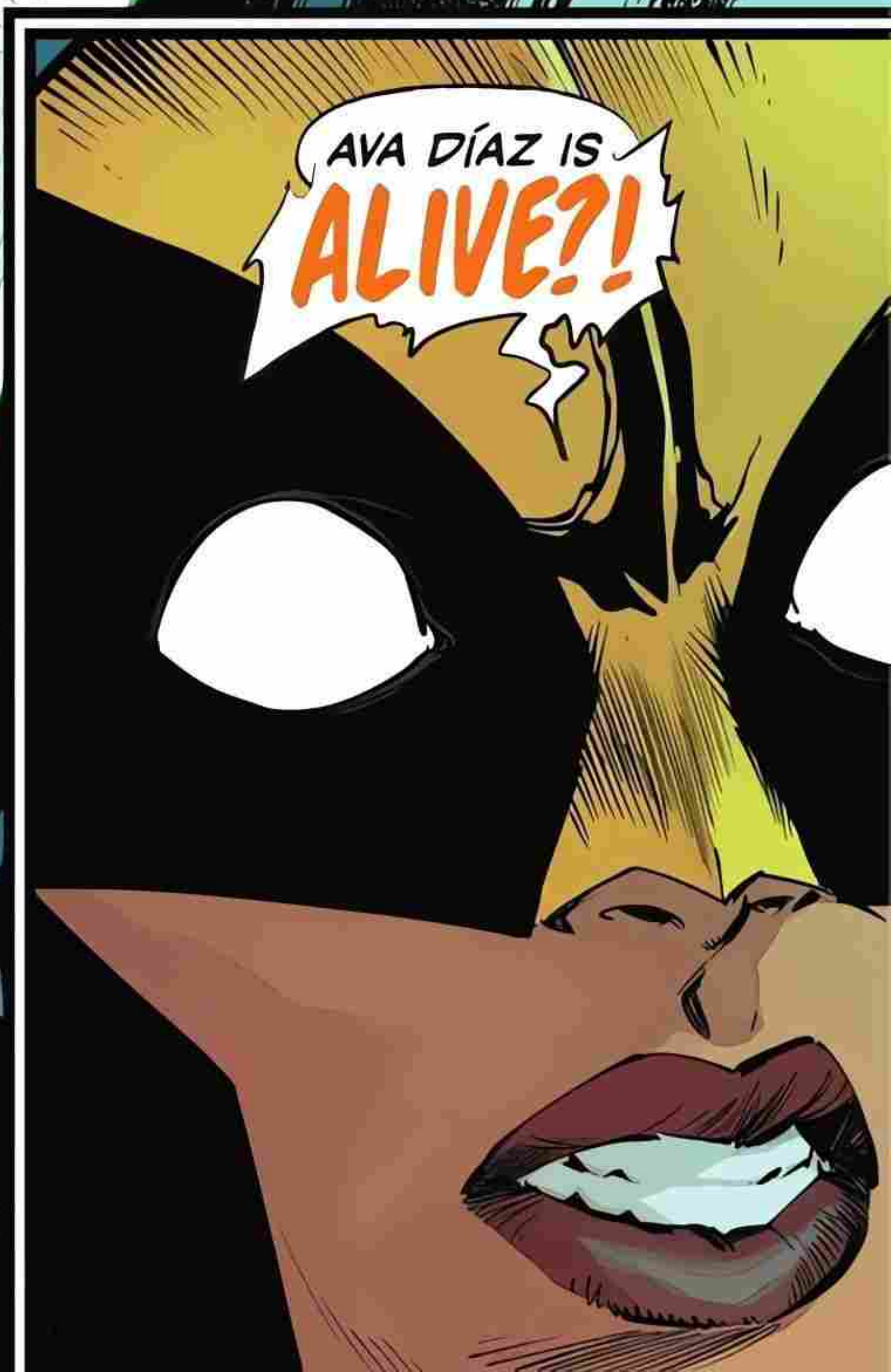
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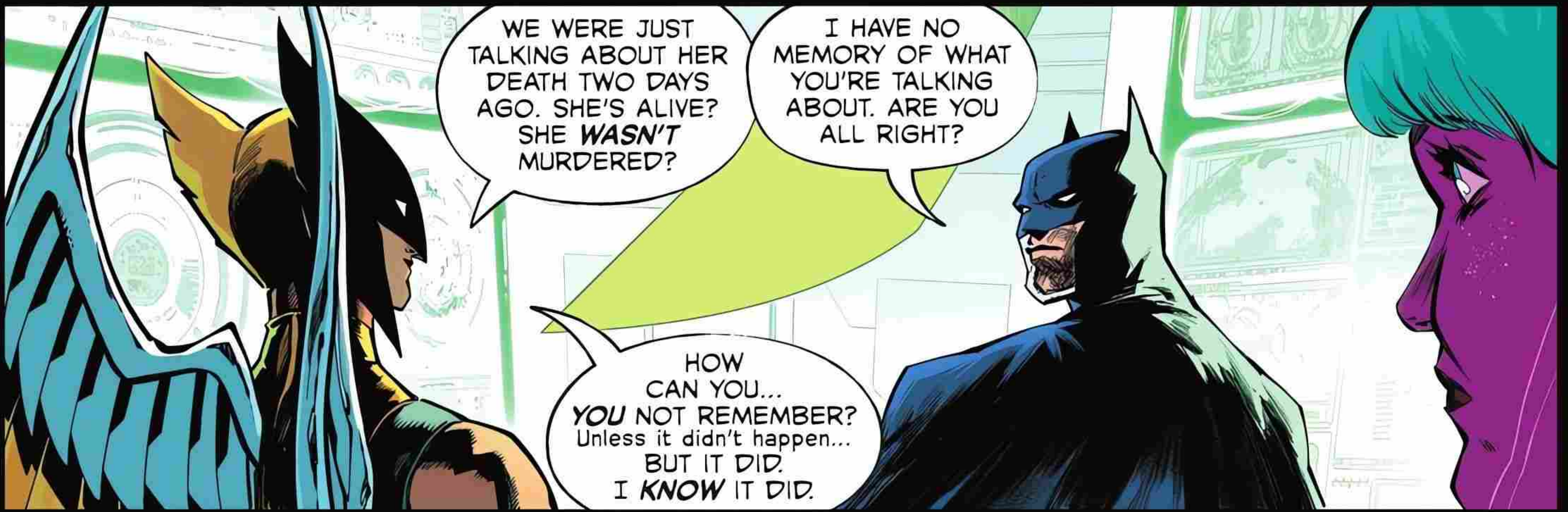
YES.

FINE. YOUR LOST FEATHER TRIGGERED MY MEMORY ABOUT AN OLD COLLEAGUE. **FARLANE CANDOR** HAS A FEATHER DISPLAYED ON HIS DESK THAT'S **IDENTICAL** TO YOURS. IT'S ALSO MADE OF **NTH METAL**.

I WAS ABLE TO SCAN IT WHILE HE WAS SPEAKING TO ONE OF HIS EMPLOYEES, **AVA DÍAZ**.



AVA DÍAZ IS ALIVE?!



WE WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT HER DEATH TWO DAYS AGO. SHE'S ALIVE? SHE **WASN'T** MURDERED?

I HAVE NO MEMORY OF WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HOW CAN YOU... **YOU** NOT REMEMBER? Unless it didn't happen... BUT IT DID. I **KNOW** IT DID.

I SAW **PICTURES** OF AVA DÍAZ'S BODY. WHAT THEY DID TO HER...

...WE TALKED ABOUT IT, ABOUT HER DESK, THE MALTESE FALCON REPLICA, ALL OF IT. DID THAT NOT HAPPEN?

YOU'VE BEEN UNDER A LOT OF STRESS, WITH THE DISSOLUTION OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE AND...

NO!

DON'T DO THAT. DON'T DISMISS THIS. YOU DON'T GET TO DO THAT. **YOU** OF ALL PEOPLE!

I'M **NOT** IMAGINING THIS! I NEED YOU TO BELIEVE THIS. I NEED YOU TO **BELIEVE ME!**

WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, EVERYTHING WE'VE SEEN TOGETHER, ISN'T IT POSSIBLE THAT I'M NOT CRAZY, BUT THE WORLD JUST ISN'T LINING UP PROPERLY? THAT'S **POSSIBLE**, RIGHT?

THAT'S POSSIBLE!

IT'S **POSSIBLE**.



NTH METAL IS NOT OF **THIS** WORLD. AND I DON'T EVEN MEAN ALIEN. I'VE SEEN METALS FROM FAR-OFF PLANETS. HAWKGIRL'S WINGS ARE... DIFFERENT. EVERY FEATHER IS A COMET THAT'S LYING IN WAIT.

NTH METAL MUST COME FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION ENTIRELY.

THE NTH METAL IS A **PART** OF HER. SHE IS A PART OF THAT OTHER DIMENSION, LIVING WITH ONE FOOT OUTSIDE OF THIS WORLD. IF SOMETHING WAS **OUT OF SYNC**, SHE WOULD ABSOLUTELY NOTICE BEFORE ANYONE ELSE.



AND LET ME SAY FROM EXPERIENCE, SOMETIMES IT ISN'T JUST YOU. SOMETIMES THE WORLD *IS* WRONG.

THIS DOES LINE UP WITH **ANOTHER** INEXPLICABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.

THE SCAN OF FARLANE'S FEATHER REVEALED IT TO BE **FORTY YEARS OLDER** THAN THE ONES ON YOUR BACK.

IF THE TIMELINE *IS* BEING ALTERED, VULPECULA IS MORE POWERFUL AND MORE DANGEROUS THAN ANY OF US SUSPECTED.

WE SHOULD PAY A VISIT TO **FARLANE CANDOR**.





THEY'RE **COMING**,
RIGHT? YOU
SAID THEY
WERE
COMING.

DON'T
WORRY SO,
DARLING. IT'LL
ONLY CREASE
YOUR FACE. HAVE
I EVER STEERED
YOU WRONG
BEFORE?



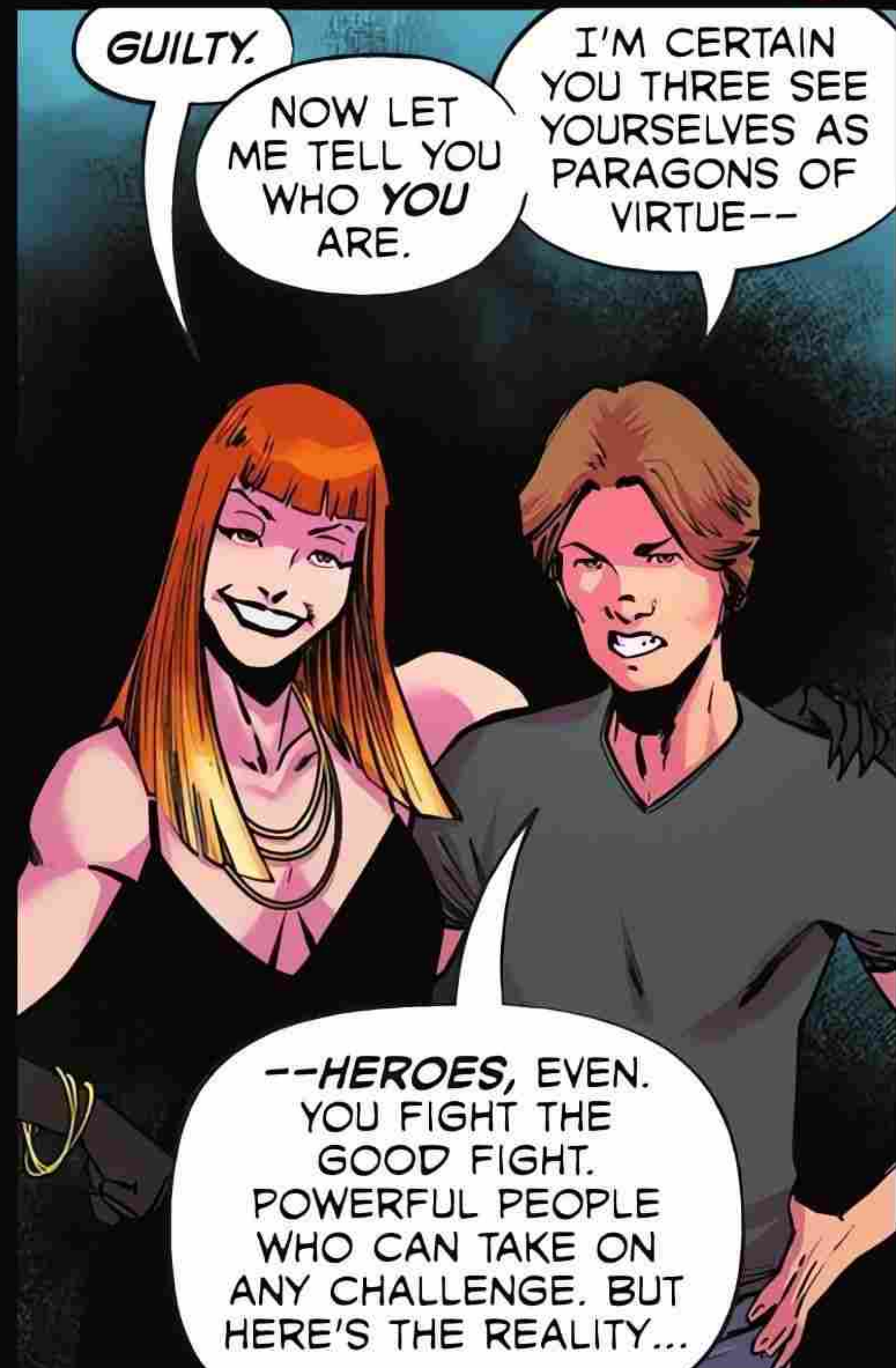
TONIGHT'S THE
NIGHT WHEN OUR
BARGAIN COMES TO
A CLOSE. AND I
HAVE **SO** LOOKED
FORWARD TO THIS
PARTICULAR
ENDING.



RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE.

FARLANE
CANDOR AND
VULPECULA,
I PRESUME.

KRAASH



GUILTY.

NOW LET
ME TELL YOU
WHO **YOU**
ARE.

I'M CERTAIN
YOU THREE SEE
YOURSELVES AS
PARAGONS OF
VIRTUE--

--**HEROES**, EVEN.
YOU FIGHT THE
GOOD FIGHT.
POWERFUL PEOPLE
WHO CAN TAKE ON
ANY CHALLENGE. BUT
HERE'S THE REALITY...



...YOU'RE
TOAST.





They're too close. I can't use my mace. And even if I could, that might kill them.

Wait...

...are Talons even alive? Why was I not paying attention the last time Batman talked about them? Riddle me that, Kendra.

Whether they are alive or not, they are **conscious**.

Without protection from g-forces, the human brain blacks out at high speeds.

Mach 1 should do it.

This feels **effortless**. There's no struggle, no force to fight against.

My Nth-metal wings don't operate according to the laws of aerodynamics.

The old rules don't apply.

God, what has been holding me back?

I don't even remember.



DO YOU OWL-GUYS
KNOW YOUR BODIES
CONTAIN AN EXTREMELY
CONDUCTIVE METAL?

IT'S LIKE FAIRY
LIGHTS ALL THROUGH
YOUR MUSCLE FIBERS.



THAT'D
BE **REALLY**
DANGEROUS
IF ANYONE,
oh, I don't know,
INCREASED THE
AMPERAGE OF YOUR
BODY'S NATURAL
ELECTRICAL
SIGNALS.



Well, now.
AREN'T **YOU**
TALENTED?



STAND
BACK. IT'LL
TAKE MORE
THAN A SHOCK
TO STOP THE
TALONS.

THERE'S
MORE TO
COME. I'VE
GOT THEIR
NUMBER,
NOW.

ADD
THREE
MORE TO
THAT.

THIS...
THIS IS NOT
HOW THIS WAS
SUPPOSED TO GO!
IF THIS FAILS,
THE COURT WILL
HAVE MY
HIDE!

THEN WE
SHALL HAVE TO
IMPROVISE.

I
PROMISED
YOU POWER,
FARLANE. THIS
SHOULD BE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH.





BRING
ME THE GIRL
WITH THE KETTLE
'ROUND HER
HEART, WOULD
YOU? THERE'S
A GOOD
BOY.

See? This is why you
should visit Gotham.

Once-in-a-lifetime
experiences.

(Please let this be
a once-in-a-life-
time experience.)



YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

Oh, BUT I HAVE SO MANY PLACES TO GO!



I HAVE PLANS FOR THE HAWK AND THE GIRL MADE OF STARS.

I'LL NOT BE DELAYED. I'LL NOT BE TRIFLED WITH.

CERTAINLY NOT BY A MAN DRESSED AS A BAT.

YOU WON'T STOP ME.

YOU WON'T STOP ME.

YOU WON'T STOP ME.

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YOU WON'T STOP ME.



I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.



I'LL **BET** YOU HAVE. BUT I HAVE SOMETHING ALL YOUR CLOWNS AND HALF-MEN AND PUZZLE OBSESSIVES DO NOT.

KRNCH



KRASH!

TIMING.





I AM **SO**
TIRED OF MEN
TELLING ME
WHO THEY
THINK I AM!

YOU,
GRANDPA,
CARTER,
ROY, J'ONN,
ZAURIEL!

I HAD A
LITERAL **ANGEL**
LOOK ME IN THE
EYES AND TELL ME
I'M SOMEONE
ELSE!

**THAT I
DON'T KNOW
MYSELF!**



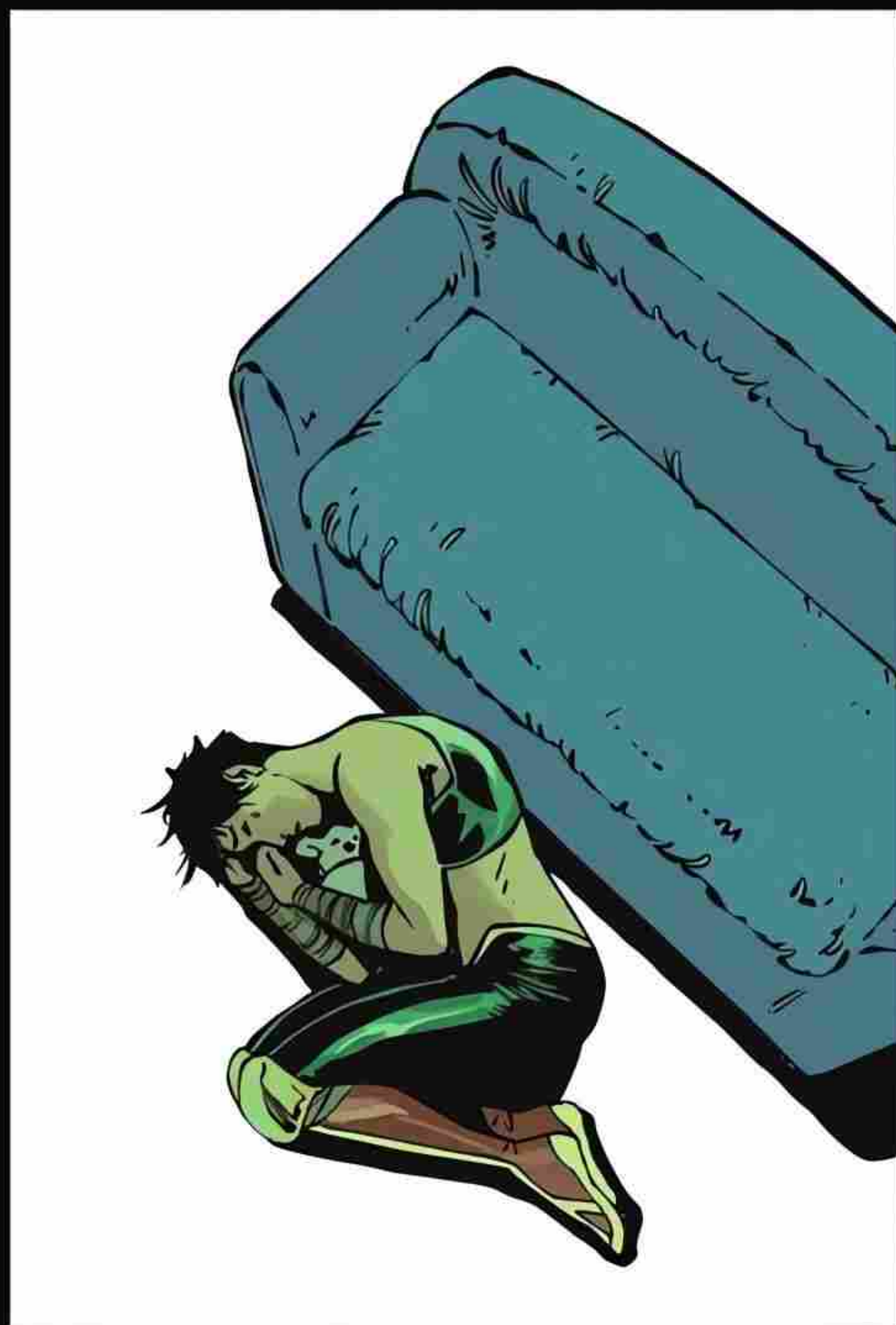
AND I WAS
DUMB ENOUGH
TO **BELIEVE** THEM!
DUMB ENOUGH TO
BELIEVE EVERY LAST
ONE OF THEM! AS IF
THEIR OPINION
MATTERED!



YOU THINK
BECAUSE YOU'VE
GOT A PAIR OF
WINGS AND A MACE
YOU **KNOW** THINGS?!?
**YOU KNOW ABOUT
ME?!**



YOU GOING TO
TELL ME WHO
I AM AND THEN
LEAVE? GO
OFF ON SOME
GLORIOUS
DESTINY WITH
A **WHITE**
VERSION OF
ME YOU LIKE
BETTER?!



YOU **DARE** THINK
YOUR VISION
OF ME, YOUR
OPINION, IS
MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN WHO
I THINK I
AM?!



I **EARNED** THAT TITLE!

IT'S **MINE!**
I GET TO SAY WHAT IT MEANS, NOT **YOU!**

YOU DON'T KNOW ME!
YOU NEVER DID!
YOU ONLY SAW WHAT YOU WANTED TO SEE!



I'VE SAVED THE DAMN WORLD!
WITHOUT YOU!
I DON'T **NEED** YOU, CARTER!

I DON'T NEED--

Farrrrrlane...



WHAT?!

My name... is Farrrrlane

Who's... Carrrrteerrrr?



WHO'S ANYONE?

WHO'S ANYONE?

SORRY WE COULDN'T GET HERE EARLIER, BATMAN! YOU WERE RIGHT TO WARN US ABOUT THOSE TALONS. THEY WERE **TOUGH!**

Like, WE **HANDLED** THEM, RIGHT? WE HANDLED THEM. BUT, **BOY!**

ONE OF THEM **PUNCHED** ARGUS! AND HE'S A **DOG!** WHO PUNCHES A DOG? MONSTERS, THE LOT OF THEM!

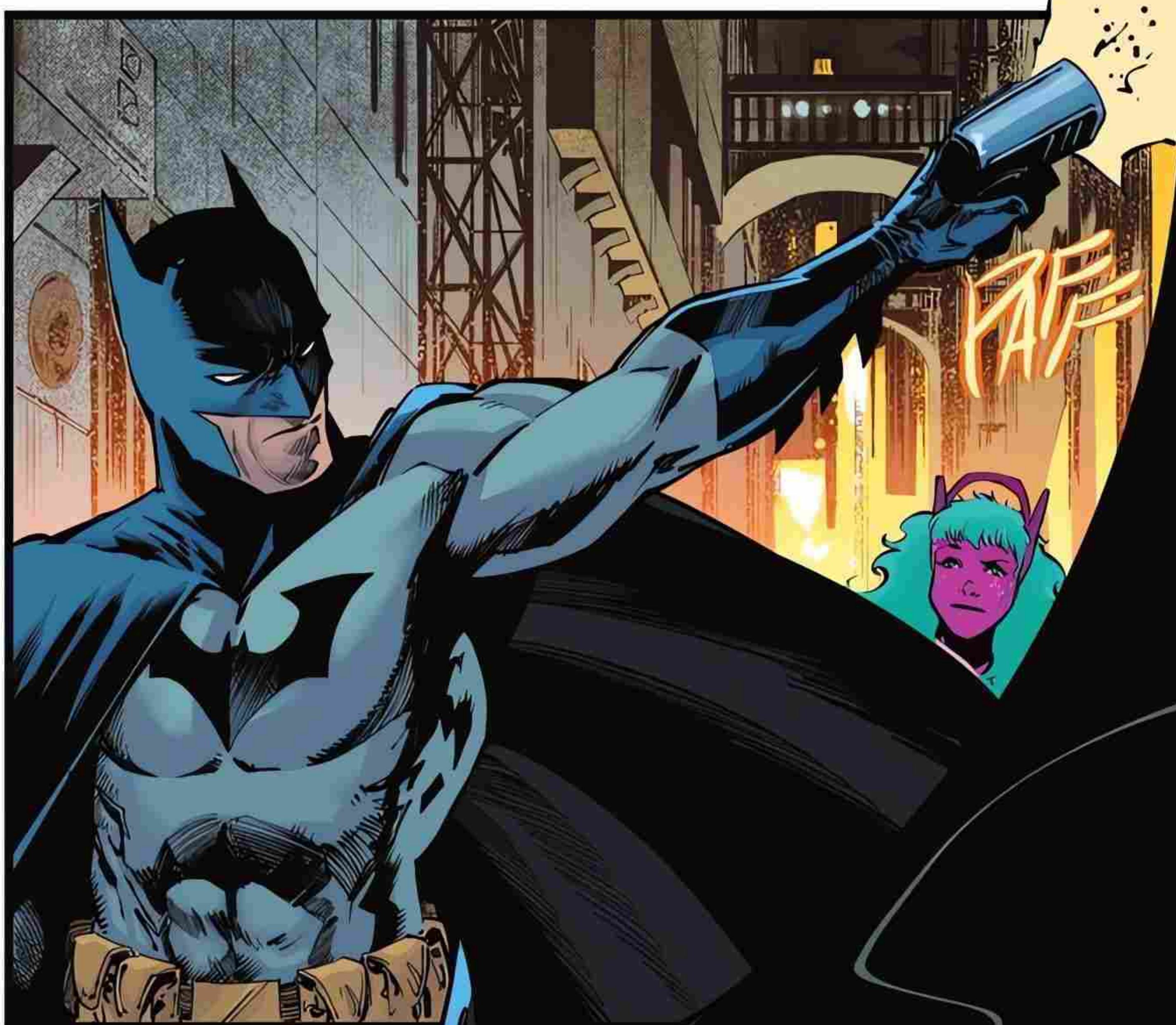
SOMETIMES I WORRY THAT I'M NOT **CUT OUT** FOR THIS SUPERHERO THING? THAT I DON'T BELONG HERE. Like, YOU AND HAWKGIRL, YOU SEEM TO HANDLE THIS STUFF **SO WELL**. I FEEL LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.

ANYWAY, WE'RE HERE NOW. SORRY. AGAIN. Sorry.

I'M NOT SEEING ANY NERVE CLUSTERS FIRING, SO YOU MUST NOT BE INJURED. INCREDIBLE. IS THAT THE SUIT? IT MUST BE THE SUIT. IS IT ARMORED? Of *course* it's armored. You're Batman. **WOW.**

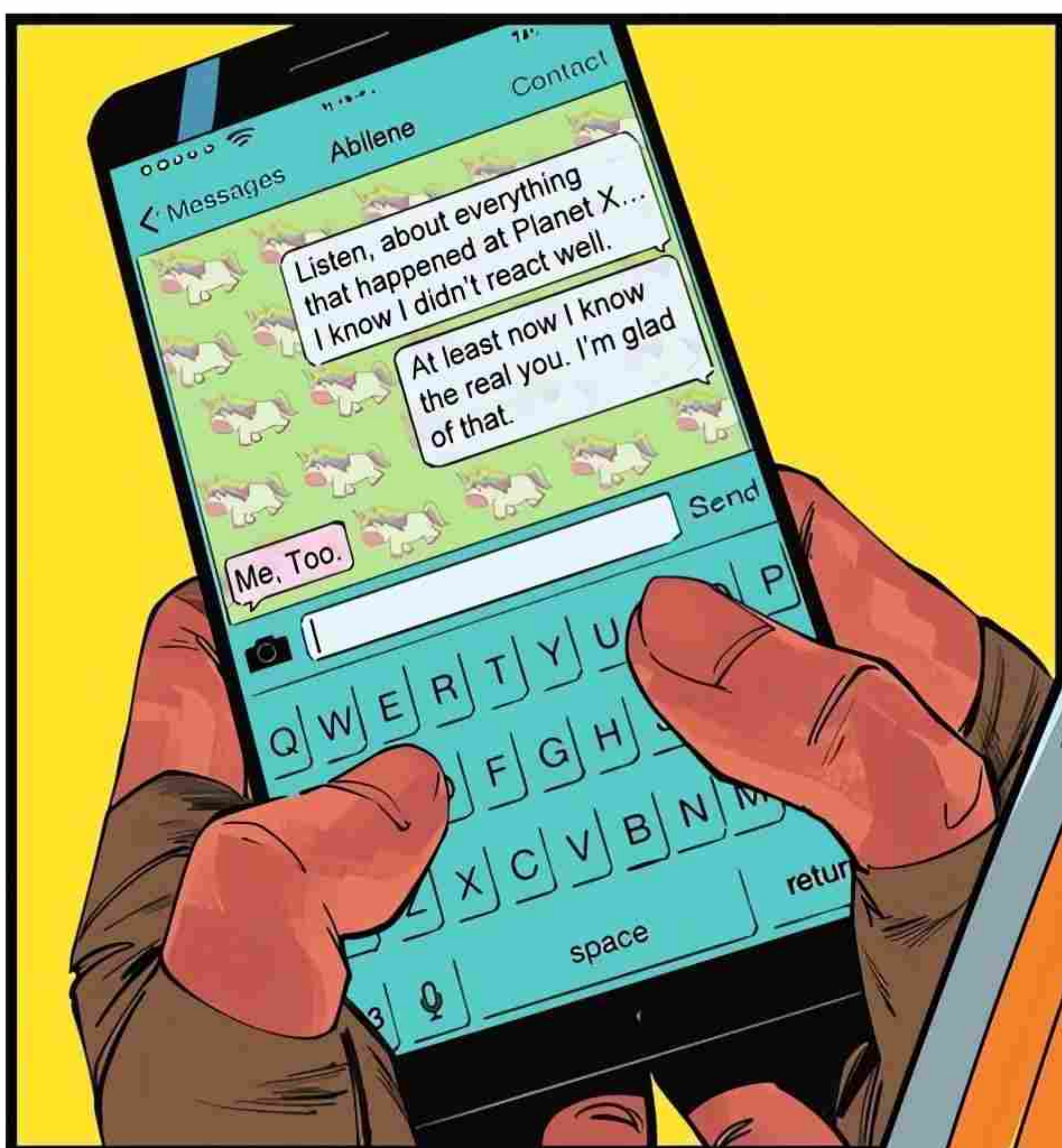
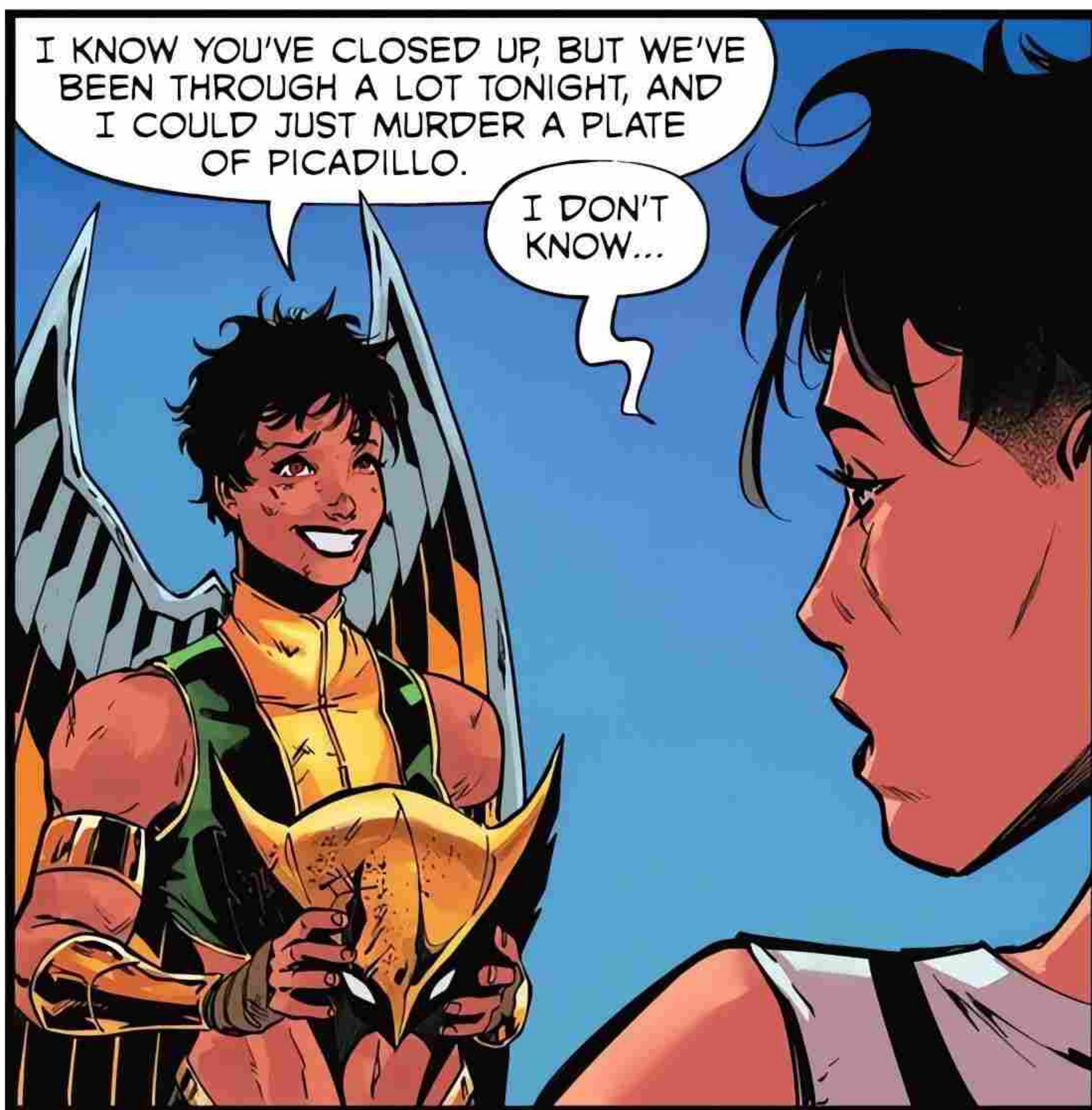
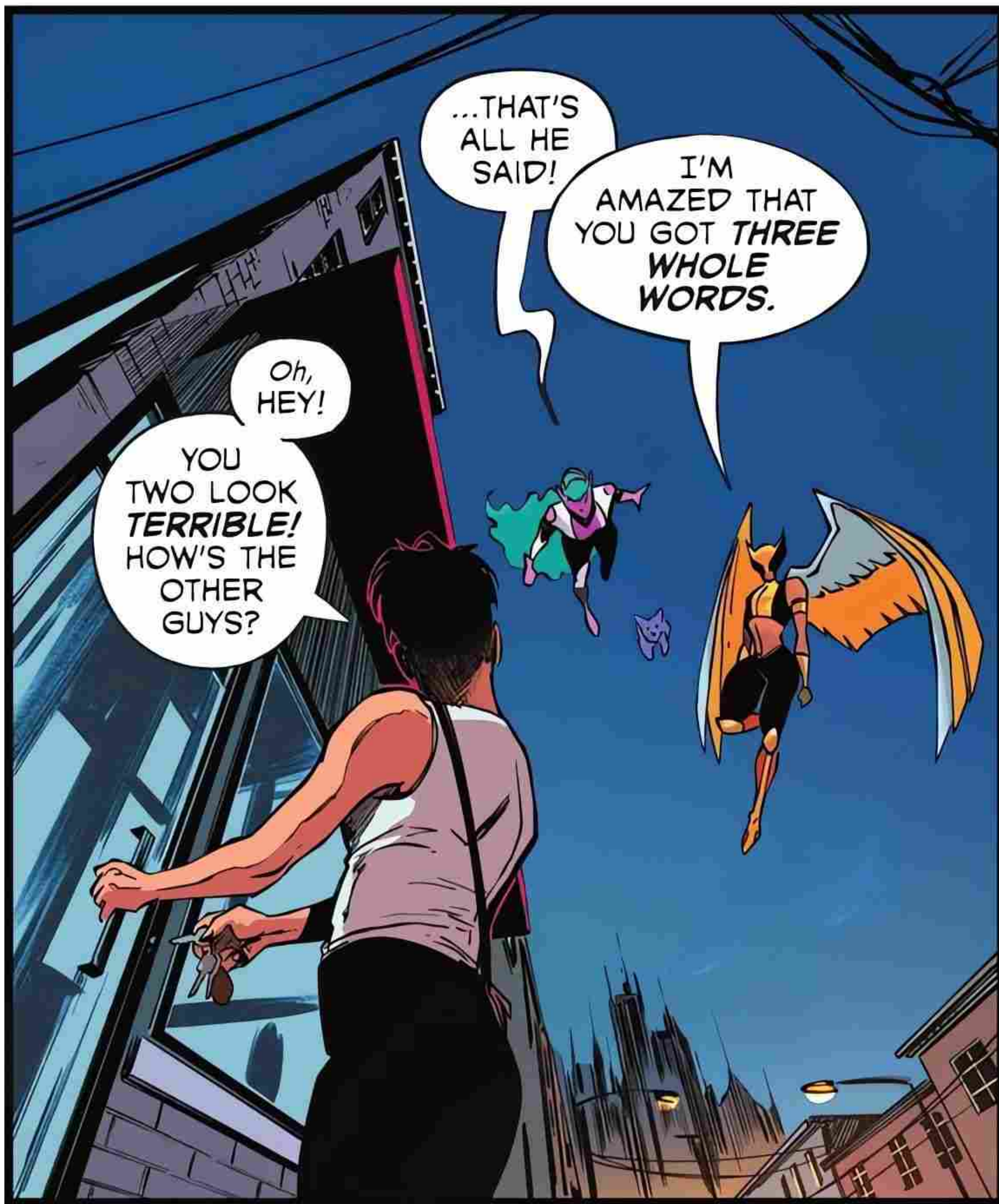
IT'S JUST, IT DOESN'T **LOOK** ARMORED. HOW DO YOU MANAGE THAT? NO, DON'T TELL ME. LET'S LEAVE SOME OF THE MYSTIQUE. **THE BAT-MYSTIQUE.**

IT HAS JUST BEEN REALLY COOL WORKING WITH YOU TONIGHT AND LETTING ME AND ARGUS INTO YOUR CAVE AND EVEN THOUGH I NEARLY DIED AT THE HANDS OF KILLER OWL-MEN, IT WAS **REALLY GREAT.**



YOU BELONG HERE.







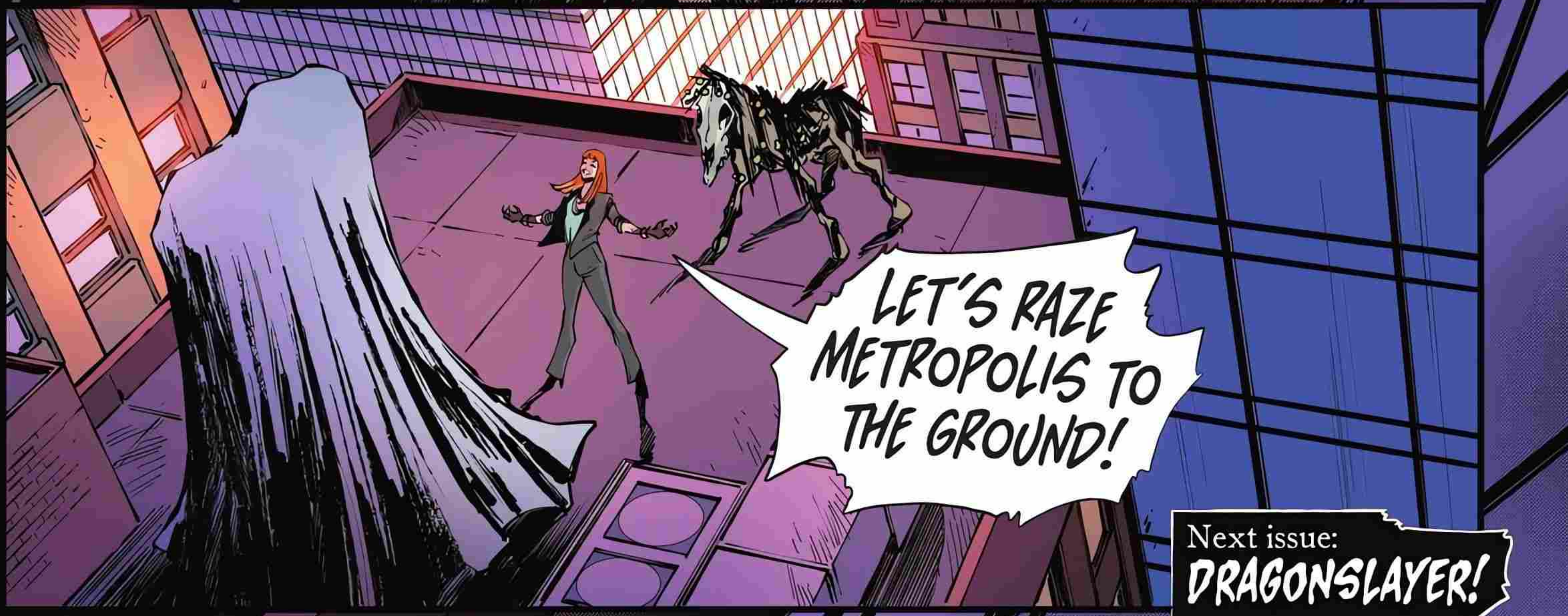
GOTHAM WAS
FUN, BUT IT'S
NICE TO BE BACK
IN **METROPOLIS**,
WOULDN'T YOU
SAY?

SO MANY
GLITTERING
BUILDINGS.



THE
ENDGAME
IS UPON US,
MAUREEN. IT'S ALL
DOWNHILL FROM
HERE. SOON,
WE SHALL RETURN
TO THE NTH
WORLD.

BUT
FIRST
THINGS
FIRST.



LET'S RAZE
METROPOLIS TO
THE GROUND!

Next issue:
DRAGONSLAYER!

JUSTICE LEAGUE

VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG



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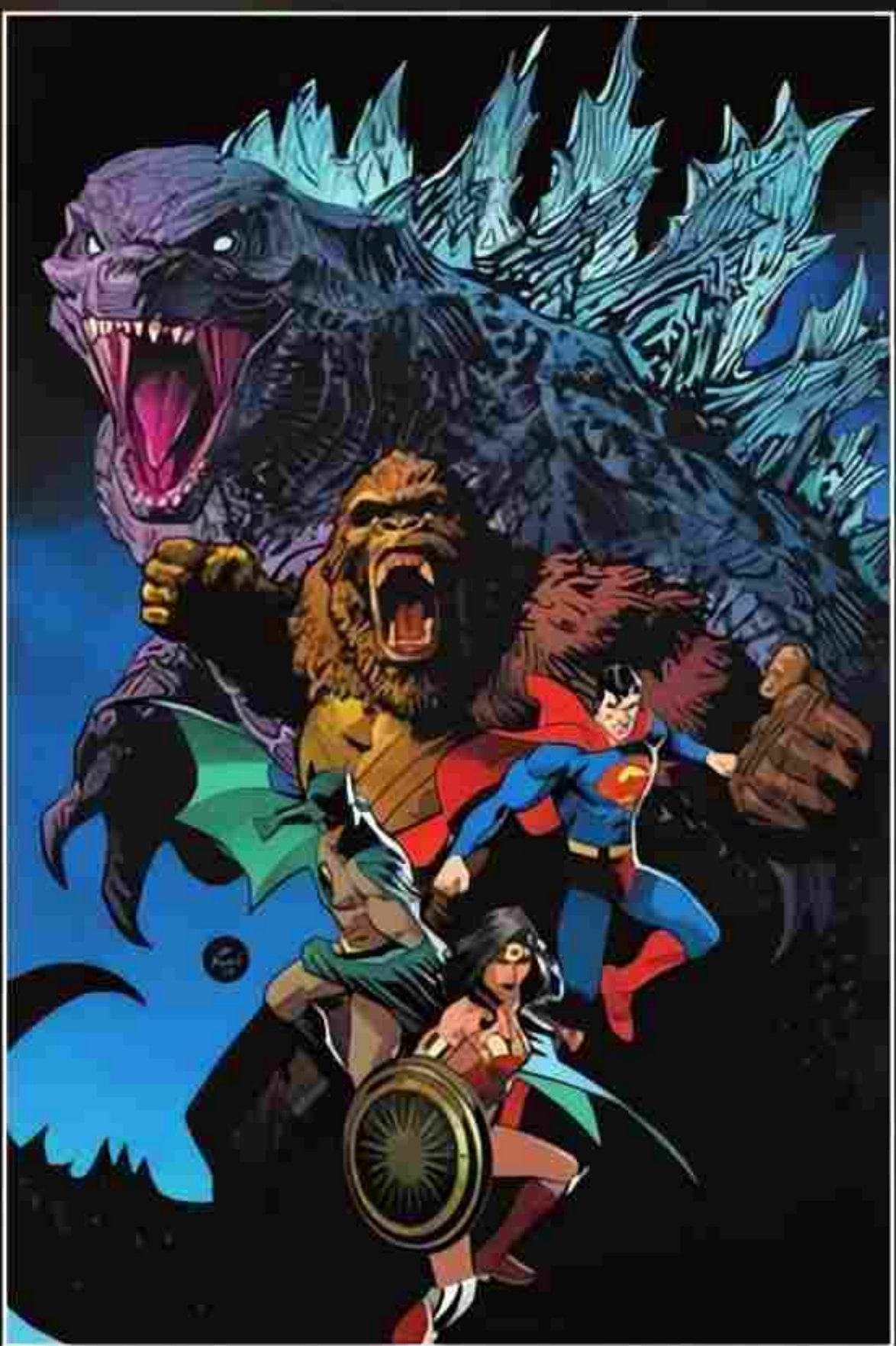
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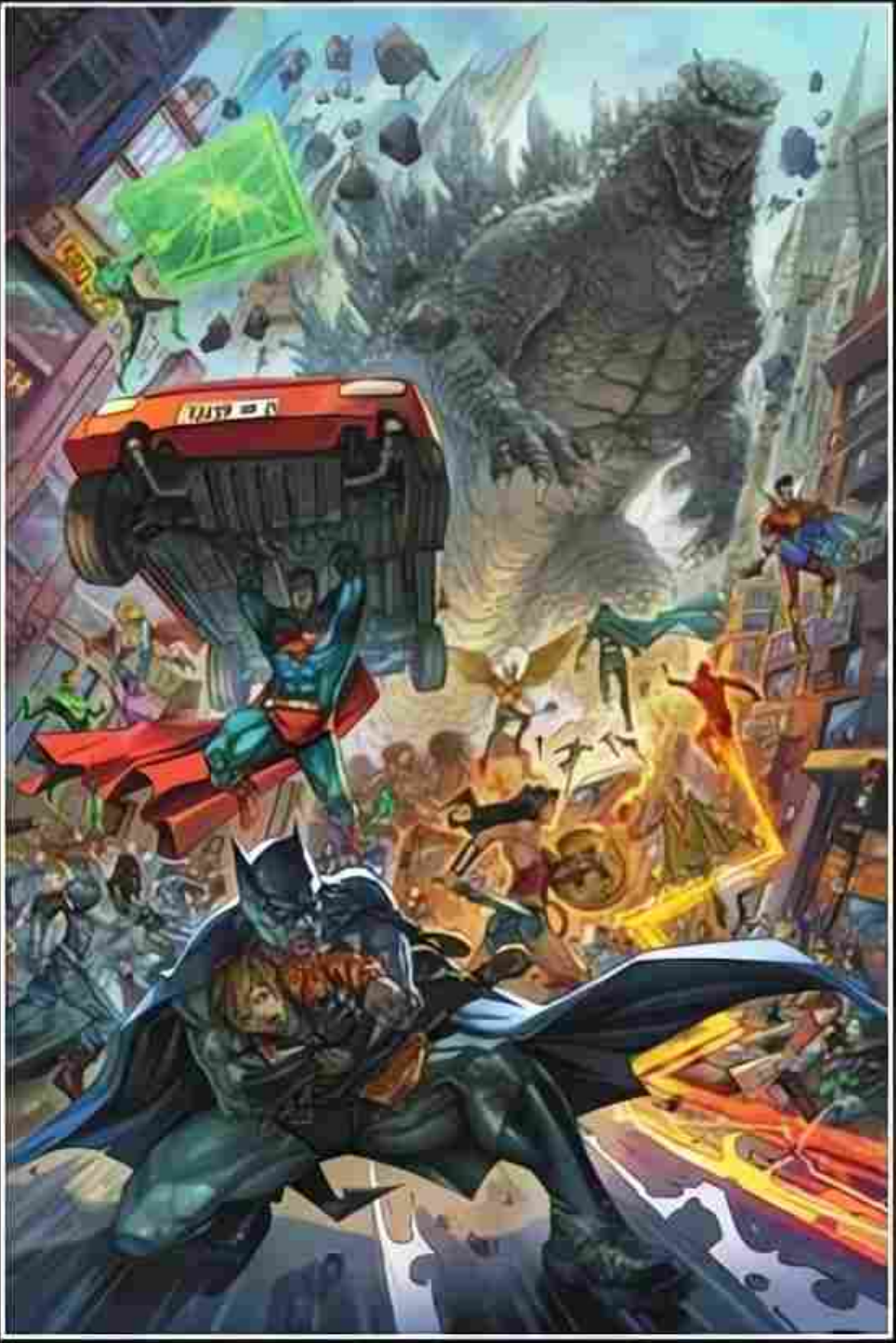
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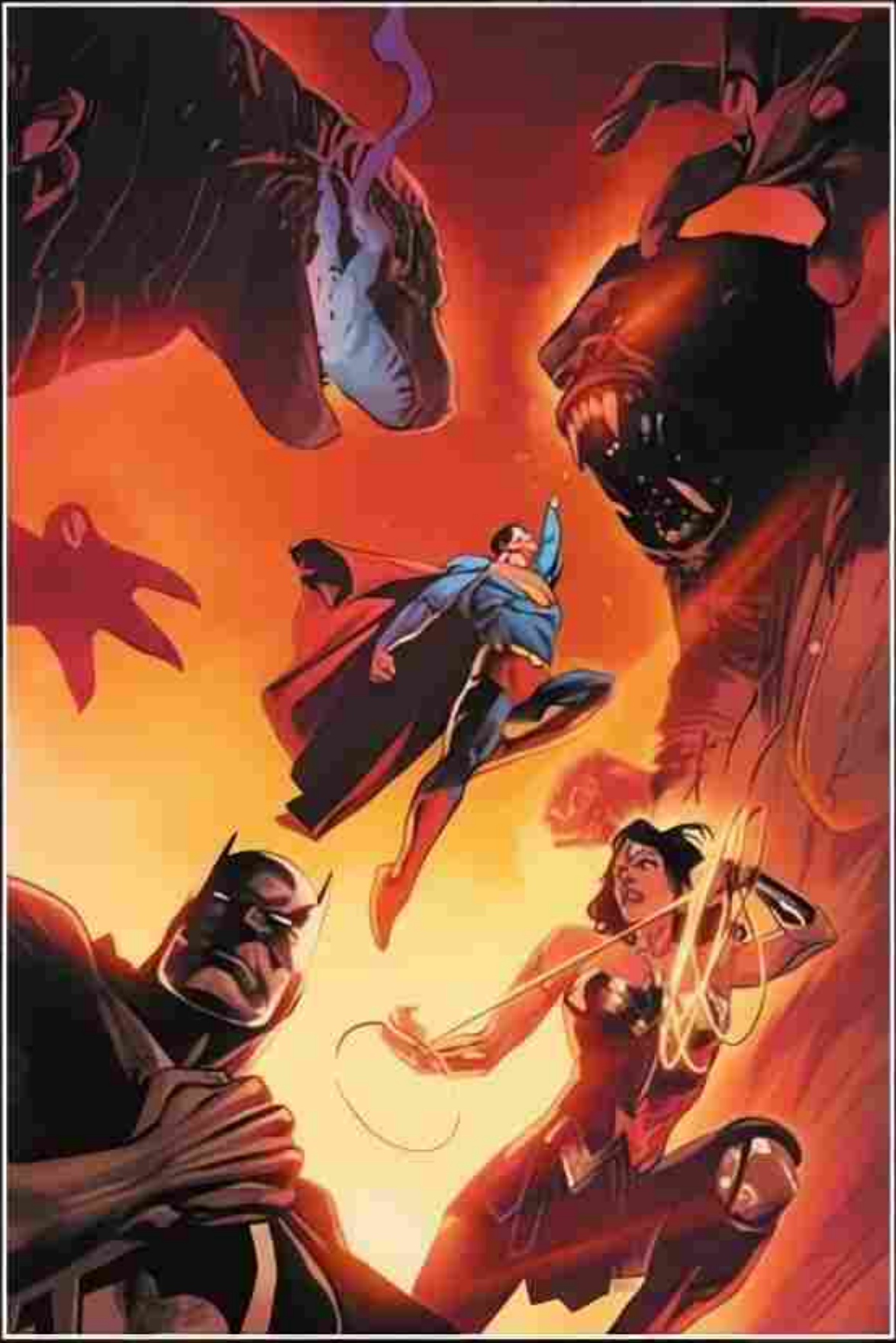


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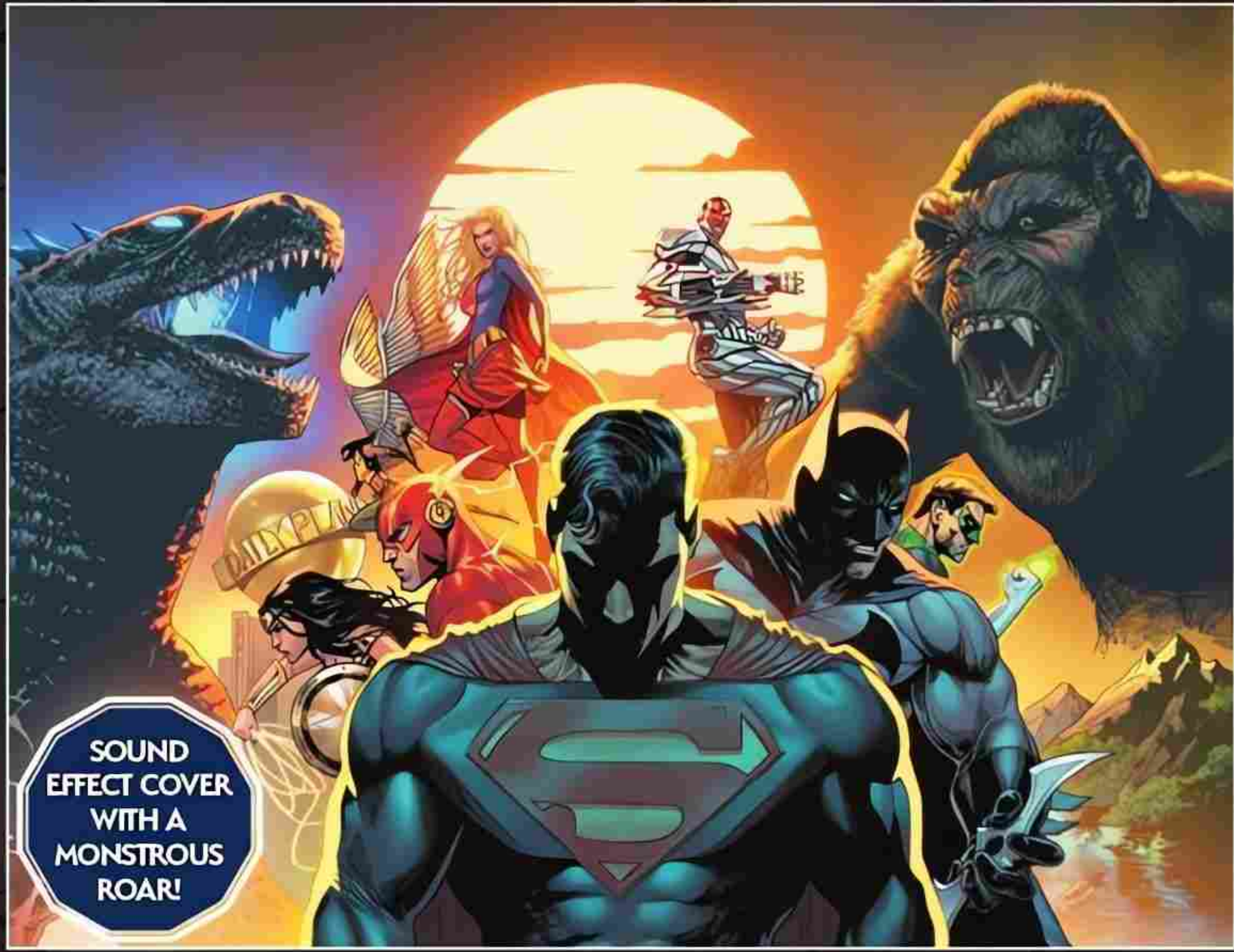


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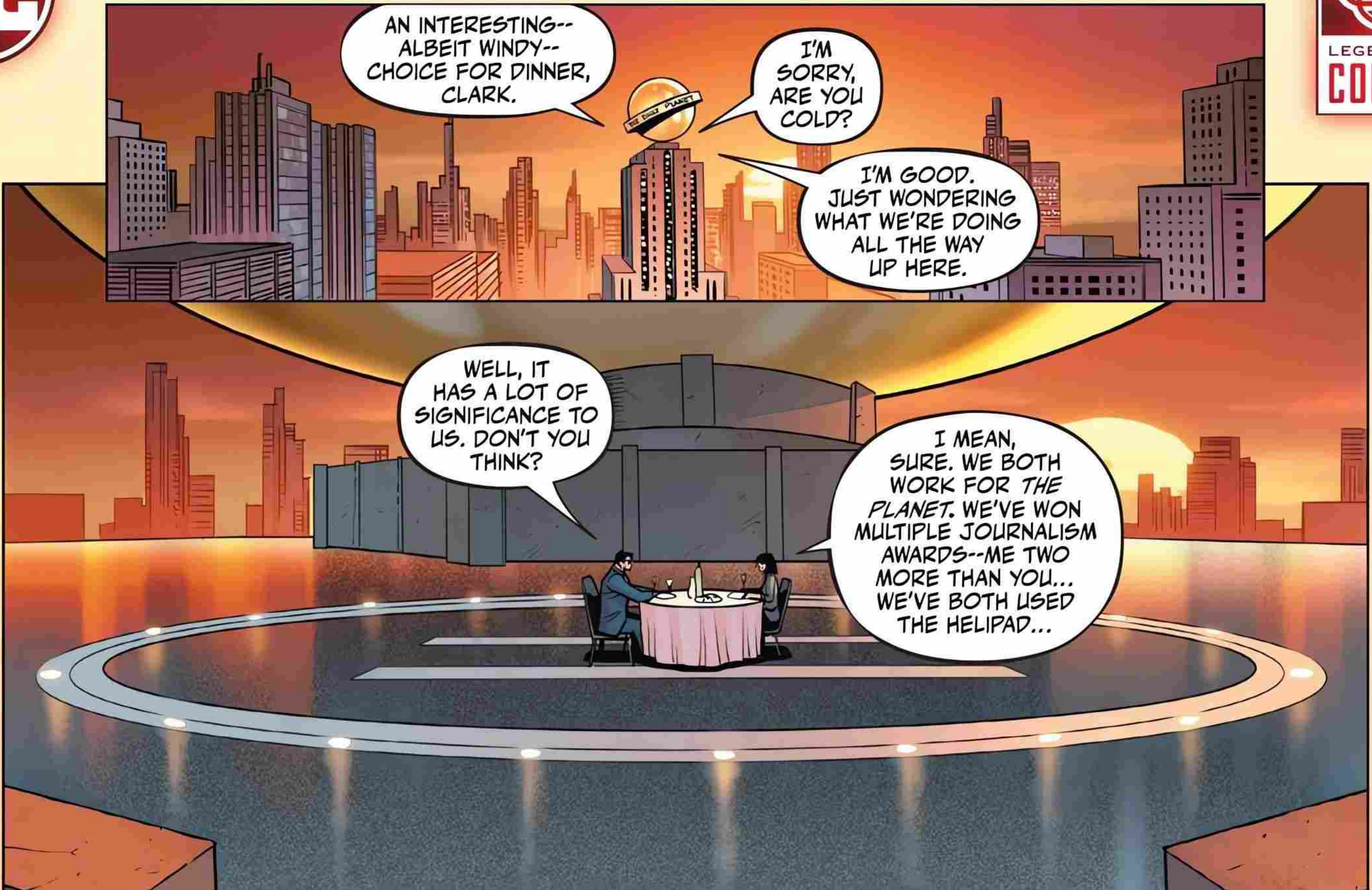


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**JUSTICE
LEAGUE** **vs.** **GODZILLA**
KONG





AN INTERESTING--
ALBEIT WINDY--
CHOICE FOR DINNER,
CLARK.

I'M
SORRY,
ARE YOU
COLD?

I'M GOOD.
JUST WONDERING
WHAT WE'RE DOING
ALL THE WAY
UP HERE.

WELL, IT
HAS A LOT OF
SIGNIFICANCE TO
US. DON'T YOU
THINK?

I MEAN,
SURE. WE BOTH
WORK FOR THE
PLANET. WE'VE WON
MULTIPLE JOURNALISM
AWARDS--ME TWO
MORE THAN YOU...
WE'VE BOTH USED
THE HELIPAD...



IT'S
WHERE
WE FIRST
MET.

IS IT? KIDDING. I REMEMBER
IT CLEAR AS YESTERDAY.
YOU STEPPING ON THE
HELIPAD TO INTRODUCE
YOURSELF.

THIS
UNLIKELY
COMBINATION
OF TIMID,
AWKWARD, AND...
WELL, SUPER
MANLY.
SUPERMAN-LY.



YOU LOOKED SO
SOPHISTICATED AND
WHIP-SMART. AND
KIND OF INTIMIDATING.
SO READY FOR
WHATEVER THE
WORLD THREW
AT YOU.

I WAS
IN AWE
OF YOU,
LOIS.



I DON'T THINK
I WAS READY FOR
YOU. CLARK OR
SUPERMAN.



WHAT ABOUT
NOW?

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TWELVE HOURS AGO.



I MEAN, THIS IS IMPRESSIVE. EVEN FOR HIM...



IT'S LIKE HE'S LITERALLY TRYING TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD AT ONCE.



MAKES YOU WONDER WHY HE DOESN'T GIVE SUPER-SUPER EFFORT ALL OF THE TIME.

IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE, HAL...



BELIEVE ME, AS A GUY WHO CAN PRETTY MUCH BE TWO PLACES AT ONCE...NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU DO AND HOW HARD YOU TRY...YOU CAN'T DO IT ALL. THERE'S NEVER ENOUGH TIME.

NOT EVEN FOR THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE. THEN WHAT'S THE POINT?





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DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON



THE FLASH

All year long, DC has reinvigorated its heroes and villains across the DC Universe with the Dawn of DC storytelling initiative—and Wally West gets in on the fun this September with *The Flash* #1 from the superstar team of writer Si Spurrier and artist Mike Deodato Jr., a fresh start for one of pop culture's most iconic heroes!

With this new era for *The Flash* comes new allies, new enemies, and mysterious new developments with Wally's connection to the Speed Force—along with a fresh take on classic villains like Mirror Master, as well as Wally's family unit of wife Linda Park and their super-powered twins, Jai and Irey.

That's a lot to get excited about—and to get *even more* excited, we opened up Deodato's sketchbook to see the comics legend's character designs for the new series.

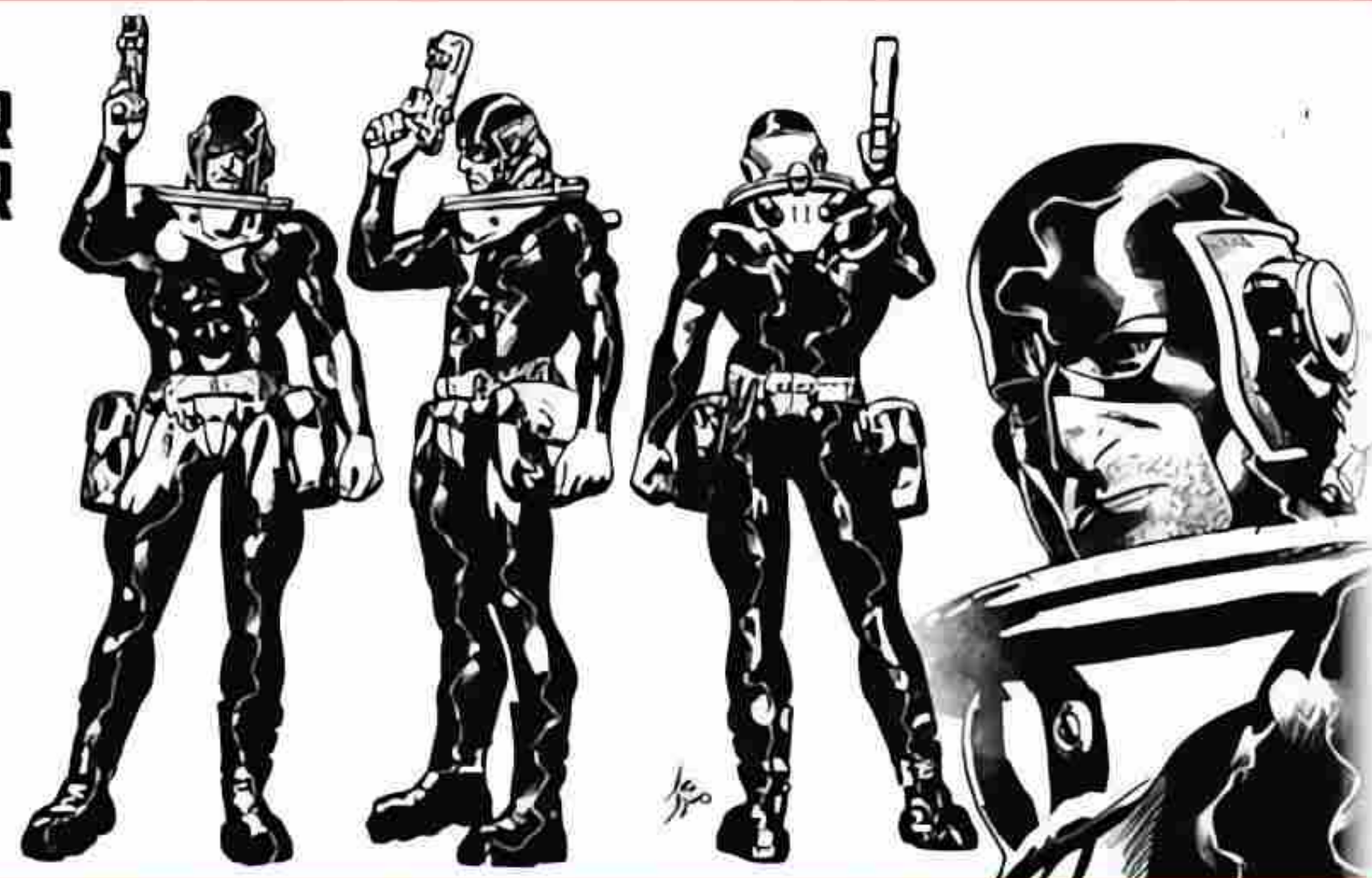


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WALLY WEST



MIRROR MASTER



IREY WEST



JAI WEST



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